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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRAVEL TO CHINA OF CONGRESSMEN MONTGOMERY AND HAMMERSCHMIDT

REF: STATE 156766; PEKING 1201

FOR EA/PRCM GLEYSTEEN FROM AMB BUSH

1. HEREWITH FULL TEXT MY LETTER JUNE 26 TO MONTGOMERY:
QTE I UNDERSTAND SENATOR JAVITS AND SENATOR PERCY ARE PUTTING TOGETHER SOME KIND OF TRIP TO COME TO PEKING IN AUGUST. IT ISN'T A GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED TRIP, BUT RATHER A PRIVATE VISIT. IF IT FITS IN WITH YOUR PLANS YOU MIGHT WANT TO CALL CHUCK PERCY, TELL HIM YOU WROTE ME ABOUT COMING TO CHINA AND THAT I SUGGESTED YOU GIVE HIM A CALL TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY MORE ROOM ON HIS DELEGATION. TELL HAMMERSCHMIDT. HASTILY, BUT WITH BEST REGARDS, GEORGE BUSH ENDQTE.

2. I HAVE MADE CLEAR TO MONTGOMERY TWO POINTS: FIRST, THAT HE MUST GET APPROVAL OF STATE DEPARTMENT; SECOND, THAT IF HE COMES HERE AS PERSONAL HOUSEGUEST THERE IS NO GUARANTEE HE WILL BE ABLE TO TALK TO CHINESE LEADERS, ETC. (SEE PARA 3 OF MY JUNE 17 LETTER TO MONTGOMERY).

3. I AGREE WITH ACTION YOU PROPOSE IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL (A).

4. MONTGOMERY PROPOSED THIS VISIT AS A DROP-IN PERSONAL VISIT WHICH WOULD BE ONLY A SMALL PART OF A TRIP HE AND
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HAMMERSCHMIDT WERE PLANNING TO MANILA, SINGAPORE, ETC.

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5. I HAVE NOT FNRNISHED MONTGOMERY A LETTER OF INVITATION AS YET BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE SURE HE GOT STATE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL FIRST.

6. I WILL BE HAPPY TO CABLE OR WRITE HIM PERSONAL LETTER OF INVITATION UNLESS HE CAN WEDGE INTO ONE OF THE DELEGATIONS. I WOULD SUGGEST HE AND HAMMERSCHMIDT COME TO VISIT ME FOR THREE OR FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, ON A PERSONAL HOUSEGUEST BASIS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THEY WILL SE CHINESE LEADERS, ETC. BOTH OF THEM ARE CLOSE FRIENDS AND I CAN LEVEL WITH THEM WITHOUT ANY FEAR OF EMBARRASMENT TO DEPARTMENT OR ANYONE ELSE.

7. PLEASE ADVISE.
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